

Table 1. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1945 to 1978

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	4 560	3 421	4 490	6 068	8 292	12 753	15 615	22 241
Land in farms..... acres.....	500 369	440 056	541 372	721 314	884 443	1 137 894	1 272 352	1 593 169
Average size of farm..... acres.....	110	129	121	119	107	89	82	72
Approximate land area..... acres.....	3 112 960	3 112 000	3 112 000	3 135 360	3 135 360	3 135 360	3 135 360	3 135 360
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	16.1	14.1	17.4	23.0	28.2	36.3	40.6	50.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	244 298	196 135	111 071	67 429	47 372	25 971	20 189	11 826
Average per acre..... dollars.....	2 227	1 525	921	561	444	291	248	165
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999..... farms.....	54	82	276	249	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999..... farms.....	55	153	447	857	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999..... farms.....	432	375	1 017	2 000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999..... farms.....	658	559	878	1 314	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999..... farms.....	504	381	483	549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999..... farms.....	676	509	483	513	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999..... farms.....	473	331	292	234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999..... farms.....	1 226	758	485	297	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more..... farms.....	482	273	129	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	4 097	3 139	3 907	5 263	7 033	11 190	13 814	21 221
..... acres.....	250 326	227 006	252 072	288 041	350 690	459 971	497 980	529 887
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	3 684	2 959	3 444	4 833	6 460	9 846	12 483	20 787
..... acres.....	178 812	159 157	162 275	205 861	237 512	285 886	308 500	433 339
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres..... farms.....	2 687	1 958	2 396	3 440	4 821	8 062	10 790	18 377
..... acres.....	1 178	821	987	1 529	2 054	3 792	5 121	10 346
10 to 19 acres..... farms.....	622	405	508	726	1 091	1 697	2 331	3 522
..... acres.....	421	323	411	494	742	1 166	1 535	2 162
20 to 29 acres..... farms.....	466	409	490	691	934	1 407	1 803	2 347
..... acres.....	491	518	596	840	1 112	1 309	1 266	1 823
30 to 49 acres..... farms.....	313	319	330	440	433	392	355	481
..... acres.....	175	151	110	104	88	69	63	95
50 to 99 acres..... farms.....	16	11	9	5	5	13	7	11
..... acres.....	2	2	3	4	1	1	2	-
100 to 199 acres..... farms.....	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres..... farms.....	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres..... farms.....	1 895	1 419	2 019	1 875	2 968	5 119	5 709	3 311
..... acres.....	55 479	55 969	68 537	56 265	79 375	126 350	128 526	72 176
1,000 acres or more..... farms.....	734	510	858	1 329	1 775	3 135	3 620	(NA)
..... acres.....	16 035	11 880	21 260	25 915	33 803	47 735	60 954	24 372
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	1 895	1 419	2 019	1 875	2 968	5 119	5 709	3 311
..... acres.....	55 479	55 969	68 537	56 265	79 375	126 350	128 526	72 176
Other cropland..... farms.....	734	510	858	1 329	1 775	3 135	3 620	(NA)
..... acres.....	16 035	11 880	21 260	25 915	33 803	47 735	60 954	24 372
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	264	(NA)	(NA)	370	467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	5 868	(NA)	(NA)	7 003	6 889	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	98	(NA)	(NA)	269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	459
..... acres.....	792	(NA)	(NA)	2 666	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2 629
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	82	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 059	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	456	(NA)	(NA)	962	(NA)	2 536	(NA)	1 741
..... acres.....	8 316	(NA)	(NA)	16 246	(NA)	37 187	(NA)	21 743
Total woodland..... farms.....	2 671	2 011	2 799	3 995	5 533	8 445	10 038	14 679
..... acres.....	171 885	139 688	191 779	278 202	349 269	478 166	525 692	678 654
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	965	(NA)	(NA)	1 430	2 138	3 218	4 138	5 467
..... acres.....	36 339	(NA)	(NA)	67 137	89 487	135 114	163 774	231 813
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	2 155	(NA)	(NA)	3 290	4 485	6 642	7 878	11 399
..... acres.....	135 546	(NA)	(NA)	211 065	259 782	343 052	361 918	446 841
Other land..... farms.....	3 627	2 499	3 236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	78 158	73 362	97 521	155 071	184 484	199 757	248 680	384 628
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	907	(NA)	(NA)	2 251	2 946	3 706	5 594	8 676
..... acres.....	34 943	(NA)	(NA)	97 793	110 702	128 150	157 101	269 783
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	3 495	(NA)	(NA)	5 449	(NA)	11 200	12 820	20 299
..... acres.....	43 215	(NA)	(NA)	57 278	73 782	71 607	91 579	114 845
Irrigated land..... farms.....	308	319	243	381	205	405	280	24
..... acres.....	6 952	7 474	8 937	14 452	5 171	11 975	8 088	496

¹1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. ²Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. ³Varies from State to State, 1950 through 1964; 17 Western States, 1945 not available.

Table 2. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	1978	1974	1969		1978	1974	1969
Farms..... number.....	2 781	2 460	2 903	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	395 341	375 788	423 680	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	142	153	146	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	70	47	37
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	715	287	422
Average per farm..... dollars.....	304 565	233 701	140 763	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	61	29	91
Average per acre..... dollars.....	2 111	1 530	964	..... acres.....	709	602	2 008
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	338	217	388
Total cropland..... farms.....	2 541	2 222	2 510	..... acres.....	6 706	4 626	8 656
..... acres.....	210 805	201 645	216 567	Total woodland..... farms.....	1 659	1 410	1 804
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 371	2 118	2 332	..... acres.....	126 244	110 633	129 991
..... acres.....	157 806	145 671	147 250	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	569	544	791
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	25 442	31 872	40 404
1 to 49 acres..... farms.....	1 425	1 157	1 313	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 404	1 138	1 357
..... acres.....	450	484	571	..... acres.....	100 802	78 761	89 587
50 to 99 acres..... farms.....	305	316	328	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	527	551	828
..... acres.....	173	148	108	..... acres.....	24 983	29 805	39 961
100 to 199 acres..... farms.....	16	11	9	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	2 037	1 769	2 009
..... acres.....	2	2	3	..... acres.....	33 309	33 705	37 161
200 to 499 acres..... farms.....	2	2	3	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	1 588	1 450	1 824
..... acres.....	2	2	3	..... acres.....	90 303	107 500	133 276
500 to 999 acres..... farms.....	-	-	-	Irrigated land..... farms.....	277	283	229
1,000 acres or more..... farms.....	-	-	-	..... acres.....	6 896	7 345	8 891
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... farms.....	1 052	979	1 210				
..... acres.....	39 878	45 823	52 911				
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	1 052	979	1 210				
..... acres.....	39 878	45 823	52 911				
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	189	139	162				
..... acres.....	4 991	4 636	5 320				

¹1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.